



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Library Board Affirmation for Diverse Collections and Displays

August 26, 2020

Hello,

As Chair of the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees, I affirm on behalf of the board its commitment to serve the diverse community which is Fairfax County. As such, we support the county's One Fairfax policy on social and racial equity. The comments made at our last meeting on July 29 by individual trustees did not reflect the collective policies or positions of the full board or of Fairfax County.

The board affirms that the Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) is a forum for information and ideas for the entire community it serves. We are committed to freedom of information and expression and support the work of the library staff who bring these ideals to life every day. As stated in the American Library Association's [Library Bill of Rights](#), the library's collection will include "materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues, and we will not remove materials because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval" (Library Bill of Rights, sections I and II). Service provided by FCPL will continue to reflect these ideals now and in the future.

The collection development process will be described at the next library board meeting to be held Wednesday, September 9, at 7 p.m. All trustees will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on these important topics. Based on the governing policies of the library created by the board, FCPL will continue to purchase and display materials intended to interest and

inform all members of the community, and the board will continue to oppose all attempts at censorship.

For further information about the next Library Board meeting and public comment, please contact Jon Lutz at (703) 324-8324. Any additional questions can be directed to the Chair at Frances.Millhouser2@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JE Millhouser".

Fran Millhouser, Chair, Library Board of Trustees